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SOMETHING ABOUT AGASSIZ.—Professor Agassiz wrote much for the press in former times. When the old Boston Courier flourished before the war, which closed its career (Boston being too loyal after that "awful" firing on Sumter to tolerate its true Democratic thunder), Agassiz, with Choate, Cushing, and others, whose names stood bright among the Democratic phalanx of New England, were constant contributors to its columns. Poor John Clarke, may he rest in peace, was its last editorial proprietor, and he was a devoted friend and admirer of the professor, knowing him as he did intimately, and he never tired of relating anecdotes concerning his eccentricities. Among others he was wont to tell the following as illustrative of his method of lecturing and enforcing his precepts: The professor was announced to deliver a lecture in one of the outside cities of Massachusetts. The audience gathered, and comprised the elite of the beauty, fashion and intelligence of the place. After waiting for some time with much impatience, and was greeted, as always, with warm applause by the audience. Instead of ascending the stand, however, he at once went among the ladies, and putting his hands into his capacious pockets, pulled forth a couple of handfuls of grasshoppers! These he scattered around in the laps of the fair Yankees, regardless of their slight screams, "Oh my's!" and other conventional feminine ejaculations of fright. Ascending the stand, then, the first thing he uttered was, "Ladies, how many legs have a grasshopper?" This was certainly an astounding query, and took his fair auditors completely by surprise, for, however many of them had seen grasshoppers all their lives, not one among the number had ever thought of counting their legs. He repeated the question to show he was in earnest, and they began to "guess" and answer at random, but all proved wrong. "No, ladies, I will tell you how many legs a grasshopper has. His legs are six. You must always look with your eyes, ladies. The more you look with your eyes the less you will have to think with your heads." And in this simple way the great man who has left us impressed upon his audience one of the greatest truths—teaching them the uses of objective observation as an aid to subjective reasoning.—Rich. Enquirer.

AN ARKANSAS STAGE ROBBERY.—The particulars of the daring robbery of a stage near Hot Springs, Ark., on Thursday, 15th instant, are narrated by the Little Rock Republican as follows: The robbery occurred about half a mile beyond the Gaines place, and about four and a half miles this side of Hot Springs. The highway numbered five, mounted on horses, and came from the direction of the Springs. They passed the stage on the road, but after giving a little way they wheeled around, and galloping up behind, ordered the driver, with an oath, to stop, and leveled pistols at him and the passengers inside. The order was obeyed, and the next command was that the passengers should get out. Having done so they were ranged in a row, told to hold their hands up, and while four of the brigands covered them with revolvers, the leader deliberately and coolly proceeded to go through their pockets. The passengers were soon relieved of their money and all ex-Gov. Burbank, of Dakota, they took over \$800 in money, a gold watch, and a diamond bracelet; from Charles Moore, of this city, they took about \$70 in money and a watch, but returned the latter with disdain, because it was a silver watch; from John Dietrich of this city, they secured but \$5, their search being so careless as to miss \$50 in an inside pocket; Mr. Taylor, of Lowell, Massachusetts, surrendered the sum of \$650, or thereabouts; a passenger from Syracuse, N. Y., made an appropriation of \$160, the pocket-book of Mr. Peoples, living near the Springs, contributed the sum of \$20.

Three farmers were unfortunate enough to have about \$20 between them; Mr. Crump, of Memphis, added to the spoils about \$40 in cash and a watch, and the express package yielded \$435. The robbers completed their work by kidnapping the mail bags in search of registered letters, and by appropriating the best horse attached to the stage.

Having thus satisfied themselves, the brigands rode off and have not since been heard of.

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jan 9

DRY GOODS.

WM. N. BERKLEY

Has just received
A large stock of DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, embracing Red and White Flannels, Cassimeres, Kentucky Jeans, Brown and Bleached Cottons, Fancy Prints, White and Colored Blankets, Gingham, Canton Flannels, &c., at the very lowest cash prices.
dec 22

OWING to the increased demand for the celebrated REBECCA KID GLOVES, PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM have just received a new supply of popular shades—one and two buttons—at the nominal price of \$1.00 and \$1.25.
dec 22

SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the great bargains offered in FURS, CARPETS, PORTMONAIES, &c., at PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S
Popular Dry Goods Store,
144 King street,
dec 22

\$1 & \$1.25 Rebecca Kid Gloves
(Every pair warranted.)
Are now offering their large and varied assortment of Empress, Poplin, Velours, Cashmere, Merino and other DRESS GOODS at popular prices.
Immense bargains given in Waterproof, Hugs inducements " Cassimeres, Special favors " Black Alpaca. Tremendous reduction in White and Grey Blankets.
Large decline in Plain and Twilled Flannels. SHAWLS.
Broche, Merino, Ottoman and other styles at low figures.
Carpets.
Brussels reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.40. Ingrains " 1.15 to 1.00. " 85c to 75c. " 65c to 50c.
New List Carpets at 62c.
SUNDRIES.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear, fine stock of Linen S-ts, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Kuffs, Portmonaies, &c., at 144 King st. dec 22

NEW GOODS!
ROBERT L. WOOD'S
No. 62 King street.
Purchasers are especially invited to visit and examine our stock of
LADIES' DRESS GOODS,
much of which was bought at the recently reduced prices, and consist of French Merinos, French Chemises, all Wool Reqs, new style Serges, Empress Cloths, Balen Cloths, Poplins, Delaines, Alpaca, Rich Plaid, Tyeon Reqs, &c. Also in
BLACK DRESS GOODS,
we have a special bargain in wide Black Cashmere, Black and Wool Dress, Black pure Mohair, Red Crow Black Alpaca, French Black Moulins, with a full line of Gray and Second Mourning Dress Goods.
Our assortment embraces a great variety of colors, including all the desirable new shades. Special inducements offered to cash buyers.
nov 19

GOODS AT THE LOWEST POINT.
Just from New York.
We have just returned from the market with some of our best goods, of every description, as were ever offered in this city.
The DRESS GOODS AND SHAWLS we could call particular attention to. FLANNELS, white, red and grey. COTTON SHEETINGS, in all widths. CANTON FLANNELS, bleached and brown, and everything else to make our assortment complete. We invite all who want to make purchases in our line to give us a call. We have the goods, and the prices are right.
nov 13 D. F. WITMER CO.

CASSIMERES.
We have just received a beautiful assortment of Cassimeres and Suitings, making our stock as complete as at any time during the season. We have always on hand the best makes of English, French and German Goods, and will furnish Suits in the very latest styles, guaranteeing fit and satisfaction.
oct 20 D. F. WITMER CO.

74 King Street, 74
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
BOOTS & SHOES,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
FALL TRADE, 1873.

The subscriber has now on hand one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods in his line ever offered in this market, which he can afford to sell at prices to suit the times.
He names in part—
LADIES' GENTS' MISSES' BOYS' CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES.
of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and handsome styles.
— Also a large stock of
BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,
SUITABLE
FOR THE COUNTRY TRADE,
to which he invites the especial attention of country merchants and farmers.
All in want will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

W. B. WADDEY
NO. 74 KING STREET.
sep 12-4f

FLOUR!
Joseph Maphis' Mount Jackson high ground Family and Extra Flour.
Uncle Tom's Best Extra Loudoun Mills Choice Extra.
J. R. Hornbaker's Best Extra.
Minnesota Spring Wheat.
Baker Extra. For sale by
THOMAS PERRY,
17 King street.
dec 24

NOTICE!
To furnish work for our tailors through the dull season and to reduce our stock for inventory, we announce a decided reduction in prices for our Merchant Tailoring Department, to begin to-morrow, January 1st, and continue for sixty days. Our assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and VESTS or Vests, guaranteed to fit.
dec 31 D. F. WITMER CO.

PINKETTES. Edson and Sapporo Cheese, Cross & Blackwell's Pickles, Putted Tongue, Bect and Devilled Ham, Len & Perill's Worcester-shire Sauce, English Salad Dressing, French Capers, Olives, Mustards, &c.,—fresh stock at lowest prices.
GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,
149 and 170 King street.
dec 23

LIVERPOOL SALT.
1,000 sacks MARSHALL'S FINE SALT.
1,000 sacks GROUND ALUM SALT.
For sale by
HOOE & JOHNSTON.
jan 13

FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

OUR FALL STOCK, which we are receiving daily, has been selected with great care. It is, without doubt, the most complete assortment in the city. Call and see it at
Mrs. DREIFUS',
100 King street.
oct 18

A FULL LINE OF HOSIERY, GLOVES, CORSETS, Linobroder, in new styles, which have been bought cheap, and will be sold accordingly, at
oct 18 Mrs. DREIFUS',
100 King street.

OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS are especially invited, when in town, to call and see us. Mrs. DREIFUS', 100 King st.
Next door to Mr. Palf's shoe store, sign of the big boot.
oct 18

HEALTH IS WEALTH.—Go and get a full supply of WINTER GARMENTS of all kinds, at
Mrs. DREIFUS',
oct 18 Mrs. DREIFUS',
100 King street.

A FULL LINE OF Z